

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy and Michael Woodworth. Others present were Police Chief Reed and Road Agent Brian Knipstein.

Brian advised that he reviewed the letter regarding the availability of funds for a Mitigation Grant. He feels the only area in town that qualifies for this grant is Bald Hill Road. The estimated cost to fix the flooding in this area is \$8,300. The grant is funded by FEMA at 80% and the town at 20%. Bald Hill Road is scheduled to be re-paved this September and we may hear whether or not the grant has been approved by then. If we have not received word about the acceptance of the grant, the project may be put off until next year.

Chief Reed will process the necessary paperwork to apply for the grant and submit it to the proper agency for consideration.

Reuben Hull had advised the Selectmen that it would cost approximately \$10,000. to repair/replace the retaining wall at Badger Park. Brian will speak with Reuben to determine what exactly is contained in the estimate ie: how much of the wall is being repaired/replaced, is the corner being considered, does it include grading? Brian will report back to the Selectmen with his recommendations. This may be a Warrant Article in 2008.

Chief Reed advises that Animal Control Officer Robin Gilbert is resigning effective July 2nd, 2007. He does not have anyone in mind to replace her. The Selectmen asked how busy the Animal Control Officer is. Chief Reed said there are usually between 60 and 70 calls per year ranging from squirrels to black bears. He will advertise for a new Animal Control Officer in the newspapers next month. This position is for a local person.

The Newfields Road Race is taking place this weekend and the Chief asked if the necessary insurance is in place. Nancy advised him that the insurance binder has been received for this event.

Route 87 is in the process of being paved. The work should be completed in a couple of days. No police detail was in place to direct traffic when the paving started. This has been resolved and details will be in place until the road work has been completed.

Today the Police Department received a number of complaints of BMW's flying through town. BMW is having a fundraiser, but the drivers are not supposed to be speeding. Several of these vehicles were stopped by Newfields Police Officers.

The proposed changes to the Personnel Policy came back from the attorney. The Selectmen and the Chief will take a couple of weeks to review the policy changes individually and will meet in July as a group to discuss the changes.

The part-time applicants to the Police Department will take their physical ability tests and then be interviewed for available positions. This will take place at the Phillips Exeter Academy.

The Rockingham Planning Commission is looking for the two town representatives to be re-appointed or new representatives to be appointed. This has been referred to the Planning Board as they are in charge of these four year appointments for the town.

The Selectmen are soliciting other quotes for the handrail on the handicapped ramp at the Town Hall.

Nancy was asked to forward a list of "wants" to the Cable Advisory Committee for their approval before forwarding the list to Comcast.

James made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2007 Selectmen Meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Michael did some research on the real estate and yard sale signs around Newfields. More information is needed such as how the surrounding towns handle this. Michael will do more research and report back to the other Selectmen.

The Town will accept the donation of a digital camera and a memory card for use in the Town Office.

Checks were signed.

A Tax Abatement and a Supplement Tax Warrant were signed.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department asked if the Town would like the Town Landing to be included in their brochure of public access boat launching facilities. The Selectmen do not want the Town Landing to be published.

The Town Hall was rented to a private party on Saturday, June 16th. An inspection on Sunday morning revealed a few issues – cake and frosting on two walls, foodstuffs stepped on in the back room and tracked around the area, and the table in the back room not left in a clean manner. Jed Rumford volunteered to clean the walls and table, but the floor needed to have debris scraped up and then washed. It was decided to return \$50.00

of the \$100.00 security deposit to the renter with \$50.00 being retained for clean up purposes. The renter will be informed of this decision.

A second quote was received to refinish the floors, stage, and stairs in the Town Hall. This project will be put on a Warrant Article in 2008.

PSNH asked that all street lamps be checked in Town and that they be notified if any are no longer working. Nancy was asked to find out who normally takes care of this. Chief Reed told Nancy that the Police Department does this on a routine basis while out on patrols and they also receive calls from residents with this information. They notify PSNH of any outages.

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer